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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 68

Introduced by Assembly Member Steinorth

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 68—Relative to Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 68, as amended, Steinorth. Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of October 2015 as “Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention Month.”

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, According to the American Cancer Society, with
2 the exception of skin cancer, breast cancer is the most commonly
3 diagnosed cancer among American women; and

4 WHEREAS, Breast cancer is second only to lung cancer as the
5 leading cause of cancer-related deaths among women; and

6 WHEREAS, Approximately 24,985 women and 200 men are
7 diagnosed with breast cancer in California each year, and
8 approximately 4,280 women and 35 men die of the disease; and

9 WHEREAS, The number of women who die of breast cancer
10 each year in California constitutes one-tenth of the number of
11 women who die of breast cancer in the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, The chance of a woman having invasive breast
13 cancer in her lifetime is about 1 in 8, and the chance of dying from
14 breast cancer is about 1 in 36; and

15 WHEREAS, The risk of getting breast cancer increases with
16 age; and

17 WHEREAS, Earlier detection of breast cancer through
18 mammography and self-examination increases chances of
19 successful treatment; and

20 WHEREAS, With early detection and proper treatment, the
21 five-year relative survival rate for breast cancer has increased from
22 72 percent in the 1940s to 89.2 percent today. However, once the
23 cancer spreads beyond the breast, the survival rate drops to a mere
24 25 percent even with modern treatments and technologies; and

25 WHEREAS, The United States Preventive Services Task Force
26 recommends that women between 50 and 74 years of age should
27 have a breast examination by a health expert every two years; and

28 WHEREAS, Mammography is the single most effective method
29 of detecting breast changes that may be cancer, long before physical
30 symptoms, detectable lumps, or abnormalities can be felt; and

31 WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of all Californians to join
32 this continuing battle against breast cancer by promoting greater
33 awareness of the need for early detection, appropriate treatment,
34 and the importance of finding a cure, as well as a means of
35 prevention; now, therefore, be it

36 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
37 *thereof concurring, That the month of October 2015 is hereby*

- 1 declared “Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention Month” in
- 2 California; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 4 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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